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PATENT

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Applicant:	HILGREN ET AL.	Examiner:	J. PAK
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Title:	METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR INHIBITION OF MICROBIAL GROWTH IN AQUEOUS FOOD TRANSPORT AND PROCESS STREAMS		

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE
A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Petitioner, Ecolab Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its primary place of business at Ecolab Center, in the county of Ramsey, and the state of Minnesota represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/614,631, filed on July 12, 2000 and entitled Method and Composition for Inhibition of Microbial Growth in Aqueous Food Transport and Process Streams, by virtue of our assignment recorded at Reel 011653, Frame(s) 0451.

Petitioner, Ecolab Inc., hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,024,986 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S.

Patent No. 6,024,986, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of United States Patent No. 6,024,986, in the event that United States Patent No. 6,024,986 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certification, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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